

Mt. Zion.
Milldale, Warren Co. Virginia.

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MOUNT ZION
Milvale, Warren County, Virginia

Owner: John B. Earle

Builder: Charles Mynn Thruston

Date of erection: c. 1771-2

Present condition: Good

Description:

Mount Zion is a large stone house, two full stories high with a hipped roof and a pair of inside end chimneys. The front is five bays long with a center door, above which is a curiously truncated Palladian window. There is a dwarf Ionic portico. The lower sash are nine-over-nine lights and the upper are six-over-six.

The plan consists of a central hall with two rooms on either side. The stair ascends in the rear of the hall behind a screen of two piers supporting a series of three elliptical arches. The woodwork of the living and dining rooms is rich in detail. The former seems to be of an earlier period than the latter and has a mantel with pilasters supporting the mantel shelf, above which is an eared overmantel flanked by pilasters. The whole motive is covered with coarse and ungrammatical Georgian ornament. The dining room, however, has delicate Adamesque trim which includes a pilastered mantel and overmantel, the pilasters being fluted and the cornices enriched with Wall of Troy dentils and modillions, and the fascia carved with blocks of flutes between rosettes. The rooms are notable for their great ceiling height and big scale.

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